

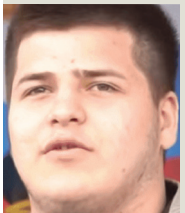
# Chechnya bracing for succession

Speculation is growing about the health of Ramzan Kadyrov, the Kremlin-allied strongman who has ruled Chechnya since 2007



■ **Ramzan Kadyrov**, 48, has been Kremlin's iron fist in Chechnya – crushing separatism and dissent in exchange for broad autonomy and richer subsidies from Moscow than other regional leaders

■ **Apparent illness:** Raises question of who could maintain control over part of southern Russia where wars killed tens of thousands of people in 1990s and 2000s



■ Kadyrov's 17-year-old son **Adam** (left) is seen as potential heir, but Russian law requires regional leaders to be at least 30

## Other possible contenders



■ **Magomed Daudov** (above left) Longtime Kadyrov ally, often chairs high-profile events in his absence. Gained global notoriety in 2017 for reportedly leading anti-gay purge in Chechnya



■ **Apti Alaudinov** (above right) Former top Chechen security official survived dismissal in 2021 by signing up to fight in Ukraine, where he became prominent war commentator for Russian TV